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THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The thirty-ninth meeting of the MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA was held under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, December 28, 29, 30, 1922. All the sessions were held in the buildings of the University of Pennsylvania.

FIRST SESSION, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28

The first session of the Association was devoted to Group Meetings, which were held in two Divisions, those of the First Division from 9:30 until 11 o'clock, and of the Second from 11:30 until 1 o'clock.

FIRST DIVISION 9:30 A. M.

(*General Topics III*) General Problems in Æsthetics, *Chairman*, Professor Fred N. Scott.

Mr. F. W. Peterson (University of Michigan) was elected Secretary of the Group.

The following papers were read and discussed:

1. "Art for Art's Sake," by Professor Rose F. Egan.
2. "The Laws of Sentence and Paragraph Length," by Professor Theodore T. Stenberg.
3. "The Concept of Utility in Art," by Dr. Charles E. Whitmore.

[See "Two Notes on Esthetics" in *Journal of Philosophy* for December 21, 1922.]

On account of his intention of being abroad next year, Professor Scott declined re-election as chairman. Sixteen persons were present.

FRED N. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

(*Comparative Literature II*) Popular Literature. *Chairman*, Professor Arthur Beatty.

The following papers were read and discussed informally:

1. "The Ballad Collection of Anthony Wood," by Professor Hyder E. Rollins.
2. "The Conditions of Ballad Making," by Professor G. H. Gerould.
3. "The Term 'Communal' and Folk-Song," by Professor Louise Pound.

It was decided to continue the Group and to prepare a program for the meeting at Ann Arbor. Professor Pound was elected Chairman for the coming year with the power to appoint a Secretary.

ARTHUR BEATTY, *Chairman*.

(*English I*) Middle English Language. *Chairman*, Professor Howard R. Patch.

A paper entitled "An Essay on Middle English Projects" was presented by Professor O. F. Emerson. The paper was discussed by Professors Samuel Moore, Wm. E. Mead, and Dr. Henry B. Hinckley.

Particular interest was expressed in the project of a Middle English dictionary and on the motion of Professor Moore it was voted to appoint a committee to coöperate in the project and in particular to make suggestions concerning the plan of the proposed dictionary. The Chairman appointed as this committee, Professors O. F. Emerson (*Chairman*), Thomas A. Knott, R. J. Menner, Samuel Moore, James F. Royster, and J. S. P. Tatlock.

A paper on "Problems and Methods in the Investigation in Early English Morphology" was read by Professor Samuel Moore and discussed by Professors Emerson, Menner and the Chairman.

It was voted that the present officers of the Group be continued.

ROBERT J. MENNER, *Secretary*.

(*English VI*) Philosophy and Literature in the Classical Period. *Chairman*, Professor James W. Tupper. Professor Percy H. Houston having resigned the Secretaryship, Professor Henry M. Dargan was appointed Acting Secretary.

The following papers were read:

1. "The Uses of Philosophy in the Study of Neo-Classical Literature," by Professor F. B. Kaye.

2. "Dryden's Miscellany as a Barometer of the Tastes and Interests in the Classical Period," by Professor R. D. Havens.

3. "A Change in Prepossession towards a Study of the Eighteenth Century," by Professor R. H. Griffith.

The Chairman requested all those present at the meeting to hand their names to the Acting Secretary together with lists of topics in which they were specially interested, so that a bulletin might be prepared and sent to members of the Group showing the range of interests and the research in progress in this field.

In the discussion that followed, it was moved, by Professor Ronald Crane, and carried:

That philosophic ideas and aspects in literature between 1660 and 1750 be regarded as the dominant interest in the joint activities of the Group.

This resolution was interpreted as a means of crystallizing the general feeling of the membership in favor of a definite program for the work of the Group as a whole; it was pointed out, however, that the resolution was not so phrased as to limit the natural scope of research in the period or to restrict the topics for presentation at future meetings.

It was voted that the present officers of the Group be continued, with the duty of preparing bulletins and arranging the programme.

H. M. DARGAN, *Acting Secretary*.

(*English X*) The Study of Contemporary Literature.

No report of the meeting of this Group has been received.

(*French IV*) Nineteenth Century French Literature. *Chairman*, Professor Christian Gauss. Professor Geoffroy Atkinson was appointed Secretary.

The following papers were presented:

1. "What is Realism?" by Professor Olin H. Moore.

2. "The Balzac Collection at Chantilly," by Dr. Walter S. Hastings. Dr. Hastings placed a complete copy of the catalogue of the Lovenjoul Balzac Collection at the disposal of the members of the Group.

The attendance was in the neighborhood of sixty. Professor Gilbert Chinard was elected Chairman for the coming year.

CHRISTIAN GAUSS, *Chairman*.

(*German II*) New Work on Goethe. *Chairman*, Gustav Gruener.

The following papers were read:

1. "An Ovidian Prototype of a Character in *Wilhelm Meister*," by Dr. F. Stanton Cawley (Harvard University).

2. "Faustiana in the Yale University Library," by Dr. William A. Speck, Curator of the Yale University Library.

3. "Konrat Ziegler's *Gedanken über Faust II*," by Professor J. F. L. Raschen.

4. "Der Streit für und wider das Joseph-Gedicht," by Professor Carl F. Schreiber.

The Group was unusually well attended. Professor J. F. L. Raschen was appointed Chairman and Professor Schreiber was continued as Secretary for the coming year.

CARL F. SCHREIBER, *Secretary*.

SECOND DIVISION, 11:30 A. M.

(*General Topics I*) Poetic Form (Metrics). *Chairman*, Professor Morris W. Croll, *Princeton University*.

Professor Alden described a method of study by which he thinks that it is possible to arrive at some laws governing the relation of phrasal division and metrical division. Prof. Kenyon of Hiram College read a paper on the word-accent and how they affect the rhythm of verse. Prof. A. R. Morris of Michigan reported the results of his laboratory studies in the relation of time, pitch, and stress in verse-rhythm. Dr. Henry Savage of Princeton presented an abstract of Professor Leonard's views concerning the rhythmic

law of the long alliterative line in Anglo-Saxon and Middle-English.

The discussion of all these papers was unfortunately truncated by time-limitations. It was generally agreed that the program for next year should consist of the discussion of the discussion of a single topic of proper magnitude.

The Chairman reported the result of the study of metrical notation ordered last year. It was moved and unanimously ordered that the following resolution be presented to the Association:

That a committee of five be appointed by the Association to consider the present state of metrical notation, and to recommend, if possible, a single uniform method of notation, or, if necessary, two alternative methods, for use in books and schools.

This resolution was presented at the Thursday afternoon session of the Association and adopted without dissent.

The number in attendance was forty-five. The present chairman was re-elected and authorized to prepare the program for next year.

MORRIS W. CROLL, *Chairman*.

(*English IV*) New Work on Shakespeare. *Chairman*, Professor Lewis F. Mott.

A paper, "M. Abel Lefranc's Recent Work on Shakspeare," was presented by Professor Oscar J. Campbell. Professor Ashley H. Thorndike discussed informally "Recent Textual Theories," and Professor Tucker Brooke discussed "Shakspeare's Plots."

Professor Tucker Brooke was appointed Chairman for the coming year.

LEWIS F. MOTT, *Chairman*.

(*English VII*) Literary Tendencies in the Second Half of the XVIIIth Century. *Chairman*, Professor R. S. Crane; *Secretary*, Professor John W. Draper.

The following papers were read, all dealing with the sources, methods, and general results of investigations now in progress: E. A. Aldrich, "Scottish Literary Centers in the later XVIIIth Century"; Paul Kaufman, "The Rise and

Influence of the Conception of 'Original Genius'"; B. S. Allen, "Some Relations between Literature and the Theory of Design in the later xviiith Century."

Professor J. L. Lowes made a vigorous plea for a more active study of the periodicals of the later xviiith century especially from the point of view of their bearing on the preparation for Romanticism.

In the course of the discussion which followed Professor F. B. Kaye announced that he is engaged, in collaboration with the Chairman of the group, in the preparation of a bibliography of English and European periodicals to the end of the xviiith century.

It was voted that the present officers be continued for another year.

The Chairman announced that he proposed to issue two further numbers of the group *Bulletin* during the coming year, and that copies would be sent to any persons who would inform him of their desire to receive them.

R. S. CRANE, *Chairman*.

(*French II*) French Mediaeval Literature. *Chairman*, Professor George L. Hamilton.

A paper on "The Possibilities and Limitations in the Construction of Manuscripts Themes," by Professor Charles H. Livingston was presented. The paper was discussed by Professors Raymond Weeks, E. C. Armstrong, D. S. Blondheim and the Chairman.

Professor D. S. Blondheim was elected Chairman for the coming year.

GEORGE L. HAMILTON, *Chairman*.

(*German III*) German Literature from a Social Point of View. *Chairman*, Professor Albert B. Faust.

Four carefully prepared papers were read, as follows:

1. "German Literature from the Point of View of Sociology," by Professor Camillo von Klenze.
2. "Social Questions in German Literature of the xviiith Century, by Dr. Edwin H. Zeydel.

3. "Hebbel's Conception of the Drama as a Function of Social Self Consciousness," by Professor T. Moody Campbell.

4. "Heyse and Æsthetic Indifference toward the Social Question," by Professor McBurney Mitchell.

In the succeeding discussion, participated in to the limit of time by a large attendance, additional bibliography was presented and the following topics were introduced and debated: (1) "Social conditions as reflected in the works of Gerhart Hauptmann and modern authors," (2) "The antithesis between the social point of view and the purely artistic point of view of literature."

The business of providing for the next year's meeting of the Group was postponed.

ALBERT B. FAUST, *Chairman*.

(*Slavonic I*) Slavonic Languages and Literatures. *Chairman*, Dr. Clarence A. Manning.

This Group met for the purposes of organization; it is the first attempt to organize Slavonic scholars of this country as a component part of one of the American Learned Societies. There was, unfortunately, a small attendance, but the Chairman announced that he had received assurances of support from Professors George R. Noyes (University of California), Samuel N. Harper (University of Chicago), and other Slavonic scholars, who were unable to be present. It was voted to continue the Group in the expectation that sufficient membership would be secured to justify its permanent organization.

CLARENCE A. MANNING, *Chairman*.

(*Spanish II*) Spanish Literature since the Renaissance. *Chairman*, Professor J. P. W. Crawford.

A paper on "The 'Who's Who' in poetry of the xvth century" was read by Professor R. Hayward Keniston and was discussed by Professors Crawford, Solalinde, and Marden.

It was voted that the Group be continued and that the subject for the coming year be in the field of the Golden Age.

It was voted that Professor Keniston be the representative of the Group for next year and that he arrange the program in consultation with the Group representative of the Central Division. There were thirty-six persons in attendance.

LOUIS IMBERT, *Secretary*.

At one o'clock the members of the Association were the guests of the University of Pennsylvania at a luncheon given in Houston Hall.

SECOND SESSION, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 28

AUDITORIUM, HOUSTON HALL

The Association was called to order by the President, Professor RAYMOND WEEKS, at 2:40 p. m. The Association was welcomed to Philadelphia by DR. JOSIAH H. PENNIMAN, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Secretary of the Association, Professor Carleton Brown, presented as his formal report Vol. xxxvii of the *Publications* of the Association. He called attention to the fact that during the year the number of pages in the *Publications* devoted to papers amounted to 739, an increase of 72 over the preceding year. The membership of the Association had also shown a gratifying increase: as compared with the 1649 members reported at Baltimore the number on the roll at the date of this report was 1906, and in addition twenty other persons had paid in membership fees to date from January 1, 1923. The Secretary also announced that Professor Alexander Hohlfeld, one of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, had resigned his office, and that the Executive Council had elected as his successor Professor George H. Nettleton, Acting President of Vassar College.

It was voted to accept the Secretary's report.

The following report was submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund by Mr. LeRoy E. Kimball, Managing Trustee:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PERMANENT FUND FOR
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 27, 1922

RECEIPTS

Balance with the Central Trust Company, Cambridge, Mass., as of December 27, 1921.....	\$ 763.62
Interest received from the Central Trust Company for the period ending December 31, 1921.....	14.37
Interest received from the Central Trust Company for the period ending June 30, 1922.....	19.08
Cash contra for capital account.....	16.00
Life Membership payments from seventeen members received from the Treasurer.....	560.00
November 15, 1922 interest on \$8,300. Liberty Bonds at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$	176.36
Interest received from the Guaranty Trust Company for the period ending November 30, 1922.....	8.87
Total.....	\$1,558.30

DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCES

To Carleton Brown, Treasurer, Central Trust Company interest payments.....	\$ 33.45
United States Trust Company of New York for the purchase of \$550.00 Fourth $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ Liberty Bonds due 1938.....	547.42
Guaranty Trust Company interest.....	8.87
Liberty Bond Interest.....	176.36
Uninvested funds in the hands of the United States Trust Company.....	28.58
Deposit with the Central Trust Company.....	763.62
Total.....	\$1,558.30

PERMANENT FUND

\$8,300. United States Second L. L. Bonds $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ Converted due 1942.....	\$7,171.38
\$550. United States Fourth L. L. Bonds $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ due 1938.....	547.42
Liberty Bond interest converted to capital account....	176.36
Uninvested funds with U. S. Trust Company.....	28.58
Deposit with the Central Trust Company which will be invested after the interest for the six months ending December 31, 1922 has been earned.....	763.62
Total of the endowment account.....	\$8,687.36

BRIGHT-VON JAGEMANN SPECIAL TRUST FUND

RECEIPTS

From Carleton Brown, Treasurer.....\$5,175.48

DISBURSEMENTS

To the United States Trust Company of New York for
the purchase of \$5,000. New York Central 5% Bonds
due 2013.....\$4,912.36
To the United States Trust Company of New York for
the purchase of \$250. Fourth L. L. 4¼% bonds due
1938.....248.82
Uninvested funds in the hands of the United States
Trust Company.....14.30
Total.....\$5,175.48

Respectfully submitted,
LEROY E. KIMBALL,
EDWARD C. ARMSTRONG,
GEORGE H. NETTLETON.

The Treasurer of the Association, Professor Carleton Brown, presented the following report:

A. RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand December 31, 1921.....	\$ 1,971.15
From members, for 1908-1918.....	\$ 40.50
" " " 1919.....	12.00
" " " 1920.....	65.50
" " " 1921.....	322.67
" " " 1922.....	6,301.63
" " " 1923.....	171.00
" " " 1924.....	4.00
" Life memberships.....	560.00
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	\$7,477.30
From Libraries for XXXV.....	\$ 2.70
" " " XXXVI.....	23.75
" " " XXXVII.....	370.00
" " " XXXVIII.....	200.70
" " " XXXIX.....	1.80
" Foreign Subscribers.....	72.90
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	\$ 671.85
" Sales of <i>Publications</i>	338.55

" Sales of Index Volume.....	10.90
" Sale of Committee Reports.....	.50
" C. Bertram Lewis for typing MS.....	11.00
" Sale of List of Members.....	1.00
" Sale of 2-drawer Card Cabinet.....	4.00
" Adjustment of overcharge.....	1.09
" Extra Reprints.....	3.78
" Postage for forwarding.....	1.00
" Membership fees, M. H. R. A.....	8.00
" Subscriptions to <i>Mod. Lang. Review</i>	33.75
" Advertisers.....	421.00
" Interest on Current Funds.....	59.87
" " " Permanent Fund.....	209.84
" Contributions to Rotograph Fund.....	75.00
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	\$11,299.58

EXPENDITURES

To Secretary for Salary.....	\$ 750.00
" " " Clerical Assistance.....	363.60
" " " Postage.....	130.21
" " " Telegrams.....	8.53
" " " Expressage.....	18.93
" " " Printing.....	45.75
" " " Mimeographing.....	2.75
" " " 4-drawer Card Cabinet....	16.00
" " " Supplies.....	14.25
" " " Notary fees.....	2.00
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	\$1,342.02

To Secretary Central Division	
for salary.....	\$ 100.00
" expenses attending annual meeting....	80.95
" travelling expenses, arranging program.	25.97
" stenography.....	20.00
" envelopes.....	7.50
" telegrams.....	1.70
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	\$ 236.12

To LeRoy E. Kimball, Managing Trustee	
Life Membership Fees.....	560.00
Transferred to Bright-von Jagemann Fund..	595.47
Transferred to Rotograph Fund.....	75.00
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	\$1,230.47

To Mary Rhys, for typing MS.....	11.10	
“ “ “ postage, expenses, supplies..	13.21	
“ Rotograph Committee for expenses.....	63.40	
“ Collection of foreign and Canadian checks	1.04	
“ M. H. R. A. for membership fees.....	8.00	
“ Camb. Univ. Press, subscriptions to M. L. R.....	30.53	
“ Am. Council of Learned Soc. for dues...	82.50	
“ Am. Council on Education, dues.....	10.00	
“ Banta Co., circulars for Coffman's Group	7.80	
“ refund excess payment, membership fee...	.97	
“ Carriage on <i>Publications</i> , Menasha to Bryn Mawr.....	18.38	
“ Purchase of <i>Publications</i>	30.73	
“ Bryn Mawr Trust Co., Safety deposit box.	1.50	
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		\$ 279.16
To J. H. Furst Co., for printing XXXVI.4..	\$1,504.46	
To Banta Publishing Co. for printing XXXVII.1.....	802.84	
“ “ XXXVII.2.....	777.30	
“ “ XXXVII.3.....	821.70	
“ paper for XXXVII and XXXVIII....	1871.32	
“ reprints, XXXVII.1.....	50.12	
“ “ XXXVII.2.....	66.28	
“ “ XXXVII.3.....	52.05	
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		\$5,946.07
“ postage on returned copies.....	.88	
“ stencilling addressograph list.....	47.28	
“ programs etc. for Baltimore and Iowa City meetings.....	293.55	
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		\$ 343.71 \$9,377.55
Balance on hand December 27, 1922.....	1,922.03	
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		\$11,299.58

B. BRIGHT-VON JAGEMANN FUND

At the beginning of the year this Fund was invested for the most part in
4¼% U. S. Liberty Bonds, as follows:

One \$100 bond, First issue, par value.....	\$ 100.00
Three \$1,000 bonds, Second Issue, par value.....	3,000.00
One \$500 bond, Second Issue, par value.....	500.00

Three \$100 bonds, Second Issue, par value. 300.00
 One \$500 bond, Third Issue, par value. 500.00

Total. \$4,400.00

The operations for the year 1922 were as follows:

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Balance in Bryn Mawr Trust Co. Dec. 31, 1921.	\$ 41.54	
Interest on Liberty Bonds.	104.15	
Income from Permanent Fund.	195.47	
Transferred from Current Funds.	400.00	
Interest Bryn Mawr Trust Co.	12.66	
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds (Oct. 17).	4,421.66	
Tranferred to LeRoy E. Kimball, Managing Trustee.		\$5,175.48
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C. BALANCE SHEET

	Decrease*	Increase
Current Funds.	\$49.12	
Bright-von Jagemann Fund.		\$ 733.94
Added to Permanent Fund.		560.00
	\$49.12	\$1,293.94
Net increase.		\$1,244.82

*This decrease is apparent rather than actual. After deducting from the balance on hand as reported last year the unpaid bills for XXXVI.4 and the Programs, there remained a surplus of \$213.14. After deducting from this year's balance the bills for XXXVII.4 and the Programs there remains a surplus of \$839.26. Accordingly the Current Fund really made a gain of \$626.12.

In connection with this report the Secretary-Treasurer called attention to additional departments which should be included in the *Publications* in order to increase their usefulness to the members of the Association. Perhaps the most urgent need was for separate numbers, besides the quarterly instalments now printed, to be devoted to bibliography and reviews. The present resources of the Association were sufficient to cover the additional cost of printing this ma-

terial; the only fundamental obstacle consisted in the lack of an adequate administrative staff for handling the increasing burden of editorial and business detail. It was impossible to undertake new departments, however great their promised usefulness, until provision could be found for adequate administrative staff. The only permanent solution of the problem was by building up a considerable endowment fund, the income from which might be used for administrative expenses. It was time, in his opinion, for the Association to consider the advisability of a vigorous endowment campaign, thereby following the example which had recently been set by several other learned societies. The growth and prosperity which the Modern Language Association is now enjoying make the present time the more opportune for laying secure foundations, sufficiently ample to provide for present necessities and to make future expansion possible.

It was voted to refer the report of the Treasurer to the Auditing Committee.

President Frank Aydelotte, Chairman of the Committee on Rotographs of MSS. and Rare Books, presented the following report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPRODUCTION OF MSS. AND EARLY PRINTED BOOKS

The Committee on Reproduction of Manuscripts and Early Printed Books has to report that, on April 15, 1922, a printed announcement of the plan was mailed to the members of the Association and to all the colleges and universities in the United States. This announcement contained a request that colleges which were interested should undertake to participate in the plan by contributing \$25 each per year for this purpose. The following colleges and individuals have contributed for 1922:

Brown University	Mount Holyoke College
Bryn Mawr College	New York University
Carleton College	Northwestern University
Catholic Univ. of America	Pomona College
Colorado College	Princeton University
Dartmouth College	Radcliffe College
De Pauw University	Reed College
Goucher College	Simmons College
Grinnell College	Smith College
Johns Hopkins University	State University of Iowa
Leland Stanford Jr. University	Swarthmore College

Tulane University(Newcomb College)	University of Wisconsin
University of California	Vassar College
University of Chicago	Washington and Lee University
University of Georgia	Washington University
University of Kansas	Wellesley College
University of North Carolina	Wells College
University of Notre Dame	Western Reserve University (Adelbert College)
University of Pennsylvania	Yale University
University of Pittsburgh	Newberry Library, Chicago
University of Southern California	President Frank Aydelotte
University of Texas	Ginn & Company (\$100)
University of Washington	

This gives the Association a fund of \$1,200 for the first year's work. The plan adopted by the Committee is to use for each year's budget the money collected during the preceding calendar year. We shall accordingly begin on January 1, 1923 to spend the money collected during 1922 and shall issue a second request for contributions in 1923 to be spent in 1924.

Subscribing institutions have been asked to indicate the material which would be most immediately useful to them for purposes of research. These requests have been referred to a sub-committee on selections, consisting of

Professor Frederic Ives Carpenter, Chairman, University of Chicago.
 Professor W. A. Nitze, University of Chicago.
 Professor Carleton Brown, Bryn Mawr College.
 Professor J. S. P. Tatlock, Leland Stanford University.
 Professor Robert K. Root, Princeton University.
 Mr. H. H. B. Meyer, Library of Congress.
 Professor Charles R. Baskervill, University of Chicago.
 Professor C. F. Tucker Brooke, Yale University.
 Professor George L. Hamilton, Cornell University.
 J. A. Herbert, Esq., Assistant Keeper of Manuscripts, British Museum (Advisory member).

The work of the Sub-committee on Selections has been in active progress for about three months, and the first rotographs will be ordered early in January.

The first task of the Sub-committee on Selections is to study conditions and perfect arrangements for securing rotographs as economically as possible. Certain delays in securing material are to be expected in the first year of the operation of the scheme. It will be the general policy of the Sub-committee on Selections to restrict themselves to the reproduction of complete works so far as this is possible and so far as it is consistent with what seems to be the best interests of the subscribing institutions. In addition to the material which it is possible to reproduce this year, the Committee will undertake to make a list of desiderata. Suggestions for this list will be welcomed at any time. Any extra funds that may be left from year to year will be employed in procuring material from this list.

Definite regulations for the use of the rotograph material have been discussed by the Committee but have not yet been definitely formulated.

Probably it will be best to defer the issue of such rules until we have some experience on which to base them. In general, it will be the policy of the Committee to make the conditions for the use of such material as liberal and convenient as is consistent with the safety of the material and its widest utilization.

So far as selections are concerned, the Committee has adopted the policy of caring first for the expressed needs of subscribing institutions, at least up to the limit of their contribution. Any margin of funds after these needs are attended to will be used for carrying out a more comprehensive program. Suggestions for this program and for the general conduct of the work of the Committee will be welcome at any time.

Cordial interest expressed by institutions and individuals throughout the country in the plan seems to promise its success. Most of the subscribers are colleges or universities, but a few are individuals. Since material procured under this plan is first of all available to the individual selecting it, since the rotographs come into the Library of Congress free of duty, and since the charges for administration are all borne by the Modern Language Association or by the Library of Congress so that all funds contributed go into rotographs themselves, it is quite clear that an individual who wishes manuscripts reproduced can make his money go very much farther by contributing it to this scheme than he could by having the rotographs made on his own account. The only stipulation is that the rotographs must belong eventually to the Library of Congress, which stipulation in no wise interferes with the usefulness of the material to a given person since he can obtain it for work in his own study at any time.

The thanks of the Association are due to Ginn & Company of Boston for a generous contribution of \$100 toward the work of the Committee.

FRANK AYDELOTTE, *Chairman.*

December 28, 1922.

It was voted to adopt the report and to confirm the action of the Committee in nominating a special Committee on the selection of MSS. to be rotographed.

The Secretary of the Association read a communication, dated Dec. 22, from Professor Wm. G. Hale, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Grammatical Nomenclature. Professor Hale stated that the revised Report of the Committee had gone through two proofs but its actual appearance had been delayed by typographical errors which had developed in the handling of the type. It was essential that every precaution should be taken to secure complete accuracy. He asked, therefore, that the representation of the Modern

Language Association on the Joint Committee be continued. It was so voted.

The Secretary of the Association reported that the Executive Council had by its ballot nominated to the Association the following scholars for election as Honorary Members: Edmund K. Chambers, author of *The Mediæval Stage*, Sir. Israel Gollancz, Director of the Early English Text Society, and Professor W. A. Craigie of Oxford University.

It was voted to elect the persons named as Honorary Members of the Association.

President Raymond Weeks announced the appointment of the following committees:

On the Nomination of Officers: Professors George L. Hamilton of Cornell University (Chairman), Raymond M. Alden of Stanford University, Charles H. Handschin of Miami University, Charles C. Marden of Princeton University, and Ashley H. Thorndike of Columbia University.

On Resolutions: Professor C. H. C. Wright of Harvard University (Chairman), President W. W. Comfort of Haverford College, and Professor Allen W. Porterfield of Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

To Audit the Treasurer's Report: Professors Raymond D. Havens of the University of Rochester (Chairman), John P. Hoskins of Princeton University, and Albert Schinz of Smith College.

The Secretary of the Association read a telegram from Professor John M. Manly regretting that he had been prevented from attending the meeting and asking that he be relieved from the Chairmanship of the General Committee on Groups for the coming year.

On motion of Professor H. C. Lancaster it was voted that Professor Edwin Greenlaw be made Chairman of the Committee on Groups for 1923.

Professor Ashley Thorndike called the attention of the members of the Association to the Conference of British and American Professors of English, which is to be held at Columbia University in June, and expressed the hope that the

American colleges and universities would be widely represented.

Professor Morris W. Croll, of Princeton University, reported a minute adopted by the Group on Poetic Form setting forth the desirability of reaching some understanding as to the methods employed in metrical notation. He moved that the Association appoint a committee of five to investigate the subject of metrical notation and to recommend a method (or alternative methods) to be adopted in textbooks used in the schools. It was so voted.

[The President appointed as this committee, Professors Morris W. Croll (Chairman), R. M. Alden of Stanford University, Felix E. Schelling of the University of Pennsylvania, Fred N. Scott of the University of Michigan, and Paull F. Baum of Trinity College, North Carolina.]

Professor André Morize of Harvard University announced that he had brought with him a collection of several thousand reference cards relating to French Literature which he would place in one of the side rooms of Houston Hall where they could be consulted by those who were interested.

Professor Fred N. Scott of the University of Michigan explained to the Association the origin and purpose of the organization of a joint Committee of British and American scholars to consider the promotion of pure English, as recently announced in the *Literary Review*. [See the issue for Dec. 16.] He moved that the Association express its interest in the movement for pure English and its approval of the steps which had thus far been taken toward this end. It was so voted.

The remainder of the session was devoted to an

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER SYMPOSIUM

The following papers were presented:

1. "The Market for the Scholarly Book."¹ By Dr. Alexander Green, Modern Language Editor, D. C. Heath and Company.

¹ Printed in full at the end of the Proceedings, pp. xxxv, ff.

2. "The Scholar and the Introductory Text-Book." By Dr. Will D. Howe, of the Editorial Staff, Charles Scribner's Sons.

3. "Coöperation between Author and Publisher from the Point of View of the Author."² By Professor James Geddes, Jr., of *Boston University*.

4. "The Author and the Reviewer." By Dr. Henry Seidel Canby, Editor of the *Literary Review*.

5. "Cooperation between Author and Publisher from the Point of View of the Publisher." By J. Franklin Brown, of the Educational Editorial Department, The Macmillan Company.

During the reading of the last paper the Chair was occupied by Professor Fred N. Scott. On the conclusion of these papers there was brief discussion by Professors Howard J. Savage and T. Moody Campbell.

On Thursday evening of December 28, at 6:30 o'clock, in Bennett Hall, the ladies of the Association were entertained informally at dinner by Louise H. Snowden, Advisor of Women, of the *University of Pennsylvania*. About seventy-five ladies were present.

At eight o'clock in the evening of Thursday, December 28, the President of the Association, Professor Raymond Weeks, of *Columbia University*, delivered an address entitled: "The Poets and Nature"³ in the Auditorium, Houston Hall.

After this address there was an informal reception for the members and guests of the Association.

THIRD SESSION, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

For the third session the Association met in three sections devoted, respectively, to English, Romance, and Germanic Philology.

² Printed in somewhat abridged form at the end of the Proceedings, pp. xcv, ff.

³ This address, in somewhat abridged form, will shortly be published in *Scribner's Magazine*.

ENGLISH SECTION

AUDITORIUM, HOUSTON HALL

Chairman, Professor Lane Cooper, of *Cornell University*.

The following papers were read:

6. "The Organizing Ideas in *Piers the Plowman*." By Henry W. Wells, of *Columbia University*.

The paper was discussed by Professors O. F. Emerson, Samuel Moore, and the author.

7. "Theodore of Tarsus and Gislenus of Athens." By Professor Albert S. Cook, of *Yale University*. In the absence of Professor Cook, the paper was read by the Chairman. It was discussed by Dr. H. B. Hinckley.

8. "Keats, Rabelais, and Diodorus Siculus." By Professor John L. Lowes, of *Harvard University*.

The paper was discussed by Professors A. H. Gilbert, W. E. Peck, and the author.

9. "A Forgotten Johnsonian." By Professor Charles G. Osgood, of *Princeton University*.

10. "The Term 'Communal.'" By Professor Louise Pound, of the *University of Nebraska*.

The paper was read by Professor Arthur Beatty. It was discussed by Professors Raymond Alden, J. L. Lowes, and the Chairman.

11. "*Love's Labour's Lost*" and the "Earl of Southampton." By Professor Austin K. Grey, of *Haverford College*.

On the motion of Professor G. H. Gerould, the Section voted that the chairman appoint a committee of five to cooperate with the committee of the American Library Association in regard to the project of distributive buying by American libraries. [The Chairman later appointed the following committee: Professors R. K. Root (Chairman), A. C. Baugh, Edwin Greenlaw, C. S. Northup, and R. J. Menner.]

R. J. MENNER, Yale University, *Secretary*.

ROMANCE SECTION

ROOM 314, ENGINEERING BUILDING

Chairman, Professor C. H. C. Wright, of *Harvard University*.

The following papers were read:

12. "La Société du Directoire et La Comedie de Moeurs." By Professor Louis Allard, of *Harvard University*.

13. "Madame d'Houdetot et ses amities americaines." By Professor G. Chinard, of *Johns Hopkins University*.

14. "The Psychology of Napoleon Worship in French Literature." By Professor A. L. Guerard, of *The Rice Institute*.

15. "The Theory of 'Natural Goodness' in Rousseau's *Confessions*." By Professor George R. Havens, of the *Ohio State University*.

16. "Le Jongleur Gautier Le Leu." By Professor Charles H. Livingston, of *Bowdoin College*.

17. "Realistic 'objectivity' versus Classical 'objectivity.'" By Professor F. A. Waterhouse, of *Hamilton College*.

Professor Havens' paper was discussed by Professor Schinz and Dr. Walter L. Bullock; Professor Livingston's by Professor Armstrong. The other papers met with no comment.

SHIRLEY GALE PATTERSON, of Dartmouth College,
Secretary.

GERMANIC SECTION

ROOM 313, ENGINEERING BUILDING

Chairman, Professor T. Moody Campbell, of *Wesleyan University*.

The following papers were read:

18. "A Problem in Modern German Verb-Rection." By Professor Albert Wilhelm Boesche, of *Cornell University*.

The paper was discussed by Professors Prokosch and Kellogg, Dr. Starck, and the author.

19. "The Mystic Brotherhood in German Literature of the Eighteenth Century, with special reference to Goethe's *Die Geheimnisse*." By Dr. Edwin H. Zeydel, of the Carnegie Endowment, Washington, D. C.

The paper was discussed by Professors Faust and Fife.

20. "Remnants of a Middle Low German Bible Translation," By Professor Adriaan J. Barnouw, of *Columbia University*.

The paper was discussed by Professors Shumway, Vos, Kurrelmeyer, and the author.

21. "Schiller's Attitude toward England." By Professor John Alexander Kelly, of *Haverford College*.

The paper was discussed by Professor Vos.

The Section then proceeded to consideration of the reports of committees.

Professor Schreiber reported progress of the Committee on the formulation of plans for the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of Goethe's death. The committee was continued.

Professor von Klenze, as chairman, told of the activities of the Committee on the formulation of plans for the collecting and preserving of German literature written and published in the United States. On the motion of Professor Faust a committee with Professor von Klenze as chairman was authorized to take in hand the further organization and the collection of German books written in this country. The selection of the members of the committee was left to the Chairman.

Dr. Taylor Starck, of Harvard University, reported for the Committee on the collecting of funds to assist in publishing the remaining portions of Grimm's *Wörterbuch*. Investigations of the committee showed that of the \$120 necessary for publishing one fascicle of the Dictionary it would be necessary to rely upon outside help for \$30 and an additional \$10 for *Mitarbeiter*, or \$240 a year, if publication were to continue at the rate of six fascicles a year. Dr. Starck reported \$342 collected up to the date of the meeting. The report was

accepted and the committee continued with the power to enlarge if deemed necessary.

In the absence of Professor Heuser, Chairman of the Committee on the collection and the publication of a list of important German periodicals in American libraries, the report was read by Professor Thayer. The committee had found that before it could intelligently undertake the work in this country, it would be necessary to make a survey of the important libraries in Germany. The committee recommended that a volume be published listing the periodicals to be found in the more important German libraries; the work to be entrusted to a German, selected by an advisory committee of German scholars, and to be financed by soliciting advance subscriptions. The report was accepted and the committee was continued with power.

Professor Gustav Gruener, of Yale University, was elected Chairman of the Section for the next meeting.

PAUL H. CURTS, Wesleyan University, *Secretary*.

At one o'clock the members of the Association were the guests of the University of Pennsylvania at luncheon in Weightman Hall.

FOURTH SESSION, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 29

The fourth session of the Association was devoted to Group Meetings, which were held in two Divisions, those of the First Division from 2 o'clock until 3:30 and those of the Second from 4 o'clock until 5:30.

FIRST DIVISION, 2 P. M.

(*General Topics II*) The Critical Study of Romanticism.

Chairman, Professor Stanley P. Chase.

The following papers were presented:

"Early Conceptions of Romantic Scenery," by Professor Edward E. Hale, (read by the Chairman in Professor Hale's absence).

"Romanticism in Seventeenth Century Literature," by Professor Morris W. Croll.

"The Romantic Essay," by Professor Robert Withington.

All of these papers were highly suggestive and stimulated discussion.

The following papers were read by title:

"Romantic Psychology," by Professor Percy H. Houston.

"English Interpretations of the Romantic in the Early 19th Century," by Professor Paul Kaufman.

Letters were read from various members reporting investigations in progress. The following list of topics for investigation was presented and was adopted as a working program. According to this plan the Group will select each year the special topic for the ensuing year.

1. Definition of the term "romanticism."
2. Connection of romanticism with philosophy.
3. Connection of romanticism with religion.
4. Connection of romanticism with politics and the writing of history.
5. Connection of romanticism with the types of literature.
6. Romanticism in Greek literature.
7. Romanticism in Latin literature.
8. Romanticism in mediæval literature.
9. Romanticism in Renaissance Literature.
10. Romanticism in the so-called romantic period, with special study of the comparative chronology of its flourishing in the various literatures.

It was voted that the Group should undertake the publication, annually or from time to time, of a small book of some six or seven essays on related aspects of a central topic, such as one of the above. For carrying out this plan, it was voted further that a small editorial committee should be appointed, and the Chairman was empowered to choose such a committee. It was voted to select "The Interpretation of the Term Romanticism" as the subject of investigation for the ensuing year.

Dr. C. E. Whitmore of Northampton, Mass., was elected Chairman and Professor Paul Kaufman, of American University, Secretary.

About fifty persons were present.

PAUL KAUFMAN, *Secretary*.

(*English III*) Present Status of Work on Chaucer. *Chairman*, Professor Edgar F. Shannon.

The following papers were presented:

"Realism in the Description of the Canterbury Pilgrims."

By Professor Howard R. Patch. Discussed by Professors R. K. Root and Samuel Moore and Dr. Henry B. Hinckley.

"Further Suggestion on Dating the *Hous of Fame* and the *Tale of Constance*." By Professor O. F. Emerson. Discussed by Professors John L. Lowes, William E. Mead, G. H. Gerould, and R. K. Root.

"England's Discovery of the *Decameron*." By Professor W. E. Farnham. Discussed by Professor Samuel Moore and Dr. Henry B. Hinckley.

"French Influences on Chaucer's Knowledge of the Classics." By Professor John L. Lowes. The speaker invited the cooperation of the members of the Group in this investigation. It was voted that those interested in studying various aspects of this problem should communicate with Professor Lowes so that he may introduce some organization into the general work.

Professor Shannon declined reëlection as Chairman, and Professor Root was elected as his successor. Professor Patch was reëlected Secretary.

HOWARD R. PATCH, *Secretary*.

(*English VIII*) The Bibliography of English Fiction, 1660-1800. *Chairman*, Professor Helen Sard Hughes.

The main business of the meeting was the discussion of the report of the chairman of the Editorial Committee, Professor R. S. Crane, with a view to defining the scope of the work, the methods of distribution of individual tasks, and technical specifications for the guidance of workers.

As most of the members present were especially interested in research in the period 1740-1800, that section of the work was chiefly discussed. Members were asked to indicate in writing the type of task they might most readily undertake: the collection of the bibliography of minor fiction in one decade or more, the bibliography of some major novelist, or the collection of items in certain periodicals or other sources. It was agreed that the Editorial Committee should prepare for immediate distribution to workers a list of technical specifications in accordance with the standards agreed upon at this meeting.

HELEN SARD HUGHES, *Chairman*.

(*English XI*) American Literature. *Chairman*, Professor Arthur H. Quinn.

The Chairman in his opening remarks outlined the program for the meeting. Professor Percy H. Boynton read a paper on *A Proper Critical Attitude to American Literature*, in which he discussed the growth of national consciousness and the decline of literary self-consciousness.

Professor Henry S. Canby spoke on *Some Standards of Criticism*. He advocated a criticism by planes, with no relaxation of standards. Pointing out the fact that criticism of American writers has been too good-natured as well as too unsympathetic, he urged that it be made more rigorous and scholarly.

A lively discussion of several statements made by Professors Quinn, Boynton, and Canby followed, involving Miss Amy Reed, Dr. Walter L. Bullock, Mr. Harry T. Baker, the Secretary, and other unidentified members.

Mr. John Valente announced that he was making a *Concordance to Walt Whitman*, and that if the proper coöperation of the libraries of the country could be secured, Mr. Wilson, the publisher of *The Reader's Guide*, would publish it and assume a risk to the amount of three thousand dollars.

Professor Boynton was elected to succeed Professor Quinn.

FRANCIS A. LITZ, *Secretary*.

(*French III*) French Literature of the xvii and xviii Centuries. *Chairman*, Professor Albert Schinz.

The meeting was devoted to a belated celebration of Molière's Tercentenary. The Chairman sketched the history of Molière's fame, especially at the times of the first and second centenaries. He also mentioned some of the most significant contributions to our knowledge of Molière that were offered at the occasion of the celebration of the tercentenary.

Professor H. Carrington Lancaster called attention to a Don Juan play in France which had remained unknown to scholars.

Professor André Morize summarized the episode of the Molière-Corneille Controversy, started in 1920 by Pierre Louys, and took occasion to lay down some rules that ought to be observed in approaching problems of literary history.

Professor Colbert Searles was elected Chairman of the Group for the coming year.

ALBERT SCHINZ, *Chairman*.

(*German I*) Historical Grammar and Linguistics. *Chairman*, Professor Eduard Prokosch.

The following papers were read and discussed:

"A Century of Grimm's Law," by Professor Hermann Collitz.

"Sound Change and Meaning," by Professor H. Kurath.

The discussion of the nature of sound laws and phonetic tendencies promised in the program had to be abandoned for lack of time.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Professor A. F. J. Remy, of *Columbia University*, Chairman; Professor A. Busse, of *Hunter College*, Secretary.

HANS KURATH, *Secretary*.

(*Scandinavian I*) Scandinavian Literature. *Chairman*, Professor Adolph B. Benson. Professor Josef Wiehr was elected Secretary.

The following papers were read:

"The Personal Elements in the Works of Strindberg," by Dr. Axel J. Uppvall. Discussion and comment by Professor Porterfield, Weigand, and Fife.

"Is the *Gibbonssaga* a Reflection of *Partonopeus*," by Dr. Henry G. Leach, who answered the question in the negative. Discussion by Professor Fife and Dr. Uppvall.

"The Poetry of Viktor Rydberg," by Dr. Charles Wharton Stork.

Lack of time prevented any discussion of this paper. The attendance at this meeting was surprisingly large.

Professor George T. Flom, of the University of Illinois, was elected Chairman of the Group for 1923 and the choice of a Secretary was left to him.

JOSEF WIEHR, *Secretary*.

(*Spanish I*) Spanish Language. *Chairman*, Professor C. Carroll Marden.

Professor Frederick Courtney Tarr read a paper on "Some Characteristics Uses of the Noun Clause in Modern Spanish" which provoked interesting and fruitful discussion. The Group voted unanimously to hold a similar meeting next year, and Professor Marden was reelected Chairman. The Chairman then brought up the question of coöperation towards obtaining in this country organized files of Spanish periodicals—scientific and semi-scientific journals, literary reviews, newspapers, etc.—with the hope of avoiding duplication and at the same time widening the range of material available, as well as making such files really accessible when needed. Some fifteen persons, representing as many colleges and universities, agreed to report to the Chairman what periodicals, reviews, etc. were available in their respective institutions. From these persons the following committee was appointed to put the periodical plan into effect: Professors R. H. Keniston (Chairman), F. B. Luquiens, and C. C. Marden. It is hoped that other eastern institutions which desire to coöperate and are willing to add to their lists of

Spanish journals, will communicate with Professor Keniston.
The attendance was about thirty-five.

H. G. DOYLE, *Secretary*.

SECOND DIVISION, 4 P. M.

(*General Topics IV*) Phonetics. *Acting Chairman*, Professor Robert J. Kellogg.

Owing to conflicts with other Group Meetings held at the same hour, only ten persons were present. However, lists were passed for signature by those desiring to be enrolled as members of the Group and some one hundred and fifty signatures were obtained. The organization of the Group was effected by electing Professor James L. Barker Chairman for the coming year and Dr. Elliott A. White (Dartmouth), Chairman of a sub-Group on Experimental Phonetics, each being empowered to appoint such assistants and committees as might be needed.

The following topics were presented and discussed:

1. Methods of Teaching Pronunciation with and without the International Phonetic Alphabet by Professors Kellogg, Cardon, Downer and others.
2. Differences between French and English Enunciation, by Professors Barker, Cardon, and others.
3. Possible Plans for Experimental Phonetics.
4. Plans for the Establishment for a Journal of Phonetics.

ROBERT J. KELLOGG, *Acting Chairman*.

(*Comparative Literature I*) Influence of Latin Culture on Mediæval literature. *Chairman*, Professor G. H. Gerould. In the absence of Secretary Coffman, Professor G. H. McKnight was elected Secretary *pro tempore*.

The simplification of the title of the Group to "Mediæval Latin" was proposed and adopted.

The Chairman announced that a survey of the state of studies in Mediæval Latin throughout the United States was in progress, and that Professor Tatlock would issue a report on the findings of the committee.

The Chairman read letters from Professors E. K. Rand (Harvard) and G. B. Adams (Yale) favoring the affiliation of the Group with the committee of the Council of Learned Societies in charge of projects of interest to the Group. On motion of Professor O. F. Emerson it was voted that "through our committee we coöperate with the Council of Learned Societies in projects they have undertaken."

The proposed new edition of *Ducange* was discussed, and it was the sense of the Group that to undertake a single thorough-going revision of *Ducange*, or a new and comprehensive dictionary, would be much more worth while than to compile a set of special vocabularies. To that end the members present promised hearty coöperation.

The Chairman introduced for discussion the plan of the American Library Association for the distributive buying of books. It was agreed that a committee be appointed by the officers of the Group to confer with librarians and to assist in blocking out divisions for which particular libraries might undertake to hold themselves responsible in the field of mediæval Latin. Those desiring to assist the committee in its work were invited to send contributions of one dollar each to the Chairman or to Professor Coffman to be used in defraying expenses.

The Chairman presented for consideration the tentative table of contents for a mediæval Latin primer by Professor C. H. Beeson of Chicago. The discussion which followed led to agreement in regard to the following points:

- (1) It was thought that very short selections were undesirable—that they should be longer, even though they covered a less wide range.
- (2) Any arrangement except a chronological one seemed impossible.
- (3) The present contents appear too largely anecdotal in character.
- (4) A grammatical introduction would be desirable, but only a short one. Perhaps five pages would be the maximum length necessary. Brief notes would also be useful.

Professor Gerould was elected Chairman of the Group for the coming year.

G. H. MCKNIGHT, *Secretary pro tempore*.

(*English II*) Present-Day English. *Chairman*, Professor James F. Royster.

The proposal to take means to establish a Central Bureau for recording and distributing specimens of American speech was discussed and enthusiastically approved. The discussion was led by Professor J. L. Barker and was continued by the following persons (among others): Professors Fred N. Scott, H. M. Ayres, and Samuel Moore.

It was voted that the Chairman be empowered to appoint a committee to formulate a plan and to seek means for collecting and distributing specimens of the American Language. The Chairman of the Group has named Professor J. L. Barker as Chairman of the Committee and will later name the other members of the Committee. It was further voted to leave the appointment of a Group Chairman to the General Group Committee.

There were twenty members in attendance.

JAMES F. ROYSTER, *Chairman*.

(*English V.*) Spenser and Milton. *Chairman*, Professor Edwin Greenlaw.

The Chairman announced plans for a complete Variorum edition of Spenser, under collaborative authorship; approval of the undertaking was voted. He announced that the Spenser bibliography compiled by Dr. F. I. Carpenter is ready for the printer.

Plans for a Milton bibliography were discussed. It was voted that a bibliography be undertaken, in coöperation with Professor Stevens, who should be one member of a committee appointed to carry out the plan. The Chair appointed Professors R. D. Havens, D. H. Stevens, and J. H. Hanford (chairman).

Extension of the scope of the group, possibly to include non-dramatic literature of the 16th and 17th centuries, was discussed. The question was referred to a committee to be appointed.

The Chairman announced that his resignation was necessitated by his new work as chairman of the Committee on

Groups. Professor J. H. Hanford was elected chairman for the ensuing period. Professor H. E. Sandison was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Professor Havens suggested the publishing of a mimeographed bulletin, at intervals during the year, recording research in progress, bibliography, questions, etc. After discussion of the value and expense of such publication it was voted that 50c dues be established for active membership in the group, to be spent by the Secretary-Treasurer on mimeographing and postage. All present so desiring signed a list of active members. All members of the Association wishing to join in the work of the group are asked to send their names to the Secretary, Professor Helen E. Sandison, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Reports of work in progress were made to the Secretary: edition, with translation, of Milton's Latin poems, Mr. Walter MacKellar; Browne and Nineteenth Century prose, Professor Stuart Robertson. Any other such reports may be sent to the Secretary.

Papers were then read as follows:

1. Problems in the Moral Allegory of the *Faerie Queene*, Charles G. Osgood.
2. A Note on Spenser's Theory of Narrative Technique, John W. Draper.
3. Milton Problems: (a) Milton's Library, J. Holly Hanford; (b) Seventeenth Century Biographies of Milton, Allen R. Benham; (c) A Detail of Milton's Cosmology, Allan H. Gilbert.

HELEN E. SANDISON, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

(*English IX*) Wordsworth and his Contemporaries. *Chairman*, Professor George MacLean Harper.

The following papers were read:

"The Wordsworth-Coleridge Complex," by Professor Harper.

"A Review of Professor Arthur Beatty's book, *William Wordsworth: his Doctrine and Art in their Historical Relations*," by Professor S. F. Gingerich.

Professor Beatty replied to his critic and a spirited discussion developed in which many persons participated.

Professor J. E. Wells read a list of principal publications in this field during the year. Professor O. J. Campbell presented the report of the committee on Publications and called attention to the following as works most needed by students and teachers: (1) a reissue of *The Letters of the Wordsworth Family*, (2) A new and better edition of Dorothy Wordsworth's *Journals*, (3) A new edition of Wordsworth's *Prose Works*, (4) an annotated edition of the *Complete Poems*, adapted particularly for American colleges, (5) a complete and definitive Wordsworth bibliography.

The organization of the Group was continued without change for another year. Sixty-seven members were present.

OSCAR J. CAMPBELL, *Secretary*.

(*French I*) Romance Linguistics. *Chairman*, Professor Henry A. Todd.

The following papers were presented:

1. "Some Etymologies." (dealing with OF *adenz*, Fr *chassie*, Sard. *nuraghe*, Sp. *pedazo* and Sp. *cenceno*), by Professor D. S. Blondheim. Discussed by the Chairman.

2. "The Passive Voice in Vulgar Latin," by Professor Henri F. Muller.

The discussion of questions relating to the organization of the Group led to the adoption of the following resolutions:

I. That a vote of thanks be given to the Chairman for the valuable services he had rendered the Group.

II. That a committee of three be chosen to nominate a Chairman for the next meeting, the committee to consist of Professors D. S. Blondheim, C. Gilli and O. Müller.

III. That the Secretary should continue in office during the following year.

OTTO MÜLLER, *Secretary*.

(*German IV*) Romanticism in Contemporary German Literature. *Chairman*, Professor Allen W. Porterfield.

The Chairman in his opening remarks called attention to literary currents and interests prevailing in Germany today.

There is a marked tendency on the part of German scholars toward research on Goethe, as shown by the numerous books now appearing on various aspects of Goethe's life and works. Schiller, on the other hand, is being neglected.

Professor Otto Manthey-Zorn read a paper on "Romanticism in the Contemporary German Drama," giving his impressions of the German drama of today gained on a trip to Germany two years ago. He emphasized the unpropitiousness of the times to great dramatic work and discussed the *Volksbühne* and its campaign against commercialism and for higher art.

Professor Camillo von Klenze spoke on "Romanticism, the World-War and the Philosophy of Tomorrow." He compared the present age with that of Plato immediately after the Peloponnesian War. Writers are now attempting to represent all life and to transcend it. Disregarding the past, they are, like Nietzsche, looking to the future. A groping and a blending of experience (reality) and aspiration (mysticism) characterize the present period. A new dawn in literature seems to be breaking at this very time.

The following resolution, moved by Professor Hauch and seconded by Professor Busse, who had been its original sponsor, was adopted:

That the Chairman name a committee to draw up an appropriate congratulatory message to be transmitted to Gerhart Hauptmann as an expression of the sentiment of the Group on the occasion of his recent sixtieth birthday.

The Chairman appointed as members of this committee Professors Gruener, Fife and von Klenze.

EDWIN H. ZEYDEL, *Acting Secretary*.

(*Italian I*) Italian Literature. *Chairman*, Professor James E. Shaw. Professor Mary Vance Young was elected Secretary.

Professor E. Goggio reported for the Committee on means for advancing the study of Italian. Letters received from instructors in various institutions indicated a preference for

dealing with modern literature in the first year, reserving the older literature for the more advanced year; recommended the extension of Italian studies over several years and that public lectures be given, prizes offered, clubs founded, the support of the Italian government invoked, and that university instructors be organized.

Discussion by Professors Pugh, Riddell, Bullock, Camera, Cavicchia, Geddes, Goggio and others led to the conclusion that matters mentioned in the report should be studied by an association to be formed of university instructors. It was voted that a committee be appointed by the Chairman to consider the formation of such an association, in harmony with the members of the Central Division of the M. L. A., and bearing in mind the existence of the *Association of Italian Teachers*, of New York, and of other societies especially that of the *Figli d'Italia*.

Dr. Charles E. Whitmore read a paper on "The Present Status of Work on Early Italian Poetry."

Professor G. Cavicchia made a report on "Short Stories in Contemporary Italian Literature," with regard to their use in instruction.

Professor D. Vittorini made an address on "The Contemporary Novel," classifying and criticising the production of the last half century.

Professor A. Riddell was unfortunately unable to make her report on "Contemporary Periodicals," since she was obliged to leave early.

It was voted to defer the permanent organization of the Group.

MARY VANCE YOUNG, *Secretary*.

At seven o'clock Friday evening, a subscription dinner was served to members of the Association in Weightman Hall.

All members of the Association were entertained at a smoker in Weightman Hall, at half-past eight o'clock. The Smoke-talk was given by Mr. A. EDWARD NEWTON.

FIFTH SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30

AUDITORIUM, HOUSTON HALL

The session was called to order by the President of the Association at 9:40 a.m.

Professor R. D. Havens, Chairman of the Committee to audit the report of the Treasurer, being obliged to return home the previous evening, left a statement signed by the members of the Committee certifying that the report had been examined and found correct, whereupon it was voted to accept the Treasurer's report.

Professor C. H. C. Wright, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, after calling attention to the recent action of the A. L. A. Council protesting against certain provisions in the Bill now pending in Congress to amend the Copyright Law, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Modern Language Association of America endorse the resolutions of the Council of the American Library Association with regard to the proposed copyright measures sponsored by the Authors' League.

The resolution was adopted.

Professor Wright also presented the following resolution:

Whereas, The *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* is perhaps the most important scholarly undertaking of our day, at least after the Oxford English Dictionary; and whereas the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* is at present in extreme pecuniary distress; and whereas a movement is on foot in America to find ways and means of saving the *Theaurus Linguae Latinae* for the world of scholarship and for civilization:

Resolved, that the Modern Language Association of America heartily endorse any wise effort that may be made to obtain funds for the said *Thesaurus* as a matter of deep concern to all scholars of this and future generations.

The resolution was adopted.

Professor Wright also presented the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Modern Language Association of America in convention assembled hereby express its sincere thanks for the hospitality extended to it by the Provost and authorities of the University of Pennsylvania, and its most grateful appreciation of the courtesy and kindness of all concerned in the entertainment of its members.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

In the absence of Professor George L. Hamilton, Chairman, the report of the Committee on the Nomination of Officers was presented by Professor Charles C. Marden, as follows:

For President of the Association: Professor Oliver F. Emerson, of Western Reserve University.

For Vice-Presidents: Professors T. Moody Campbell, of Wesleyan University, Arthur H. Quinn, of the University of Pennsylvania, and James E. Shaw, of the University of Toronto.

For member of the Executive Council to fill Professor Emerson's unexpired term: Professor Karl Young, of the University of Wisconsin.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for the nominees and they were declared elected.

Professor John L. Lowes, of Harvard University, presented the following motion which had been drawn up and unanimously endorsed at a meeting of the Trustees, and members of the Executive Council in attendance at the present session:

That the Executive Council be authorized to appoint an Assistant Secretary for the year 1923 at a salary which shall not exceed \$800. It is understood that this does not affect the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$600 for clerical assistance, already voted by the Association.

It was so voted.

Professor Robert J. Kellogg, of the University of Pennsylvania, presented the following motion:

That a Committee of the Modern Language Association be appointed to confer with representatives of (1) other linguistic Associations in the United States and Canada, (2) graduate and research institutions, libraries, commercial or industrial organizations concerned with linguistic investigations, (3) leading publishing houses issuing linguistic and philological works, in order to consider with them and report to this Association plans and means for dealing with the following matters:

I. The discovery, encouragement and co-ordination of competent scholarly research and preparation of text-books along literary, linguistic, philological, and directly related lines.

II. The guidance of investigators in preparing studies, monographs, larger works, or journals, embodying worthwhile results of such investigations.

III. The development of a permanent demand and sustaining constituency for such works.

IV. Plans of publication, advertising, and distribution.

V. The securing of sustaining patrons, endowed funds, or other necessary facilities for such research, publication, advertising and distribution.

VI. Provision for permanent coöperation of publishers, institutions, associations and patrons to the above ends.

After some general discussion the motion was put and it was so voted.

Professor Raymond M. Alden, speaking as the representative of the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast, presented a message of greeting from that Association to the Modern Language Association of America.

Professor Fred N. Scott moved that the General Group Committee be asked to make a report of progress at the next annual meeting. It was so voted.

Professor James F. Royster of the University of North Carolina offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Executive Council be requested to consider a proposal to arrange the program of the next meeting of the Association so that one session shall be devoted entirely to the presentation of two or three papers of general interest by scholars of distinction, chosen either from within or without the Association, and to appoint a committee of three, of which the Secretary of the Association shall be a member, to invite such persons of distinguished scholarly position as it may choose to prepare papers for this part of next year's program.

The resolution was adopted.

The reading of papers was then resumed.

22. "Position and Movement in Phonetics." By Professor James L. Barker, of the *University of Utah*.

The paper was discussed with much interest by Professors Robert J. Kellogg, H. Carrington Lancaster, and J. S. Kenyon.

23. "The Earl of Essex on the Stage." By Professor Winifred Smith, of *Vassar College*.

The paper was discussed by Professor H. Carrington Lancaster.

24. "The Contribution of Longinus' *De Sublimitate*." By Professor Charles Sears Baldwin, of *Barnard College*.

25. "Satanism in French Romanticism." By Professor Maximilian Rudwin, of *Swarthmore College*.

The paper was discussed by Professor André Morize.

26. "Pater, Heine, and the Old Gods of Greece." By Professor John S. Harrison, of *Butler College*.

27. "Some Russian Versions of *Don Juan*." By Dr. Clarence A. Manning, of *Columbia University*.

At 12:40 p. m. the Association adjourned.

PAPERS READ BY TITLE

28. "Jane Austen, the Critic." By Professor Annette B. Hopkins, of *Goucher College*.

29. "Moralist and Novel-Reader in Eighteenth Century England." By Professor Alan D. McKillop, of *Rice Institute*.

30. "Shakspeare's 'lead apes in hell.'" By Professor Ernest P. Kuhl, of *Goucher College*.

31. "Aminadab and the World." By Professor E. K. Maxfield, of *Washington and Jefferson College*.

32. "The Subterranean Grail-Paradise in *Don Quixote*." By Professor Philip S. Barto, of the *Carnegie Institute of Technology*.

33. "Keats' Use of Sound." By Professor Elizabeth Nitchie, of *Goucher College*.

34. "The Technique of Charles Sealsfield." By Dr. Bernard Stroer, of the *College of the City of New York*.

35. "A Criticism of the German Language and Literature by a German of the Eighteenth Century." By Dr. Edwin H. Zeydel, of the *Carnegie Endowment*, Washington, D. C.

36. "Erasmus Learns Greek." By Professor Howard J. Savage, of *Bryn Mawr College*.

37. "Doctor Johnson and 'Mur.'" By Professor Joseph M. Beatty, Jr., of *Goucher College*.

38. "Notes on Gilbert Imlay, Early American writer." By Professor O. F. Emerson, of *Western Reserve University*.

39. "La condition sociale des écrivains du seizième siècle." By Dr. Hélène Harvitt.

40. "Critical Essays Falsely Attributed to Goldsmith. A study of the Belles Lettres series of essays first published in the British Magazine